



It was Christmas eve, Ebenezer Scrooge a mean miserly man, was closing his shop. Bob Cratchett, his employee, was happy tomorrow was Christmas.

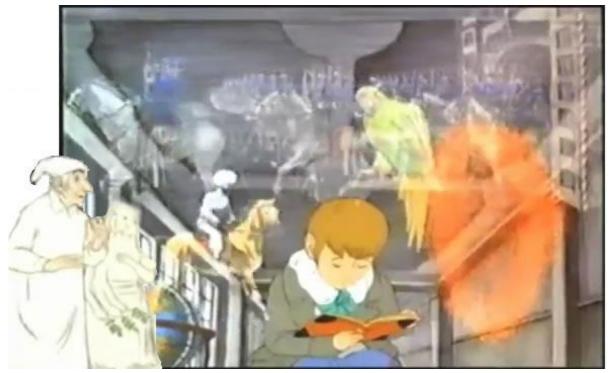
Scrooge felt Christmas was humbug.



That night the ghost of Jacob Marley visited Scrooge. He told him that three ghosts would visit Scrooge that evening.



Soon the ghost of Christmas past arrived.



She showed Scrooge his childhood Christmas as a sad lonely little boy.



She showed him the fine Christmas parties he went to as a teenager and his lost love. Both visits made Scrooge sad.



Before he knew it Scrooge was back in bed.



Only to be awoken by the ghost of Christmas present.



The ghost showed Scrooge Bob Cratchet's family and his crippled son Tiny Tim.



The family was poor but loved each other and enjoyed Christmas. It didn't matter that they had no gifts or tree.



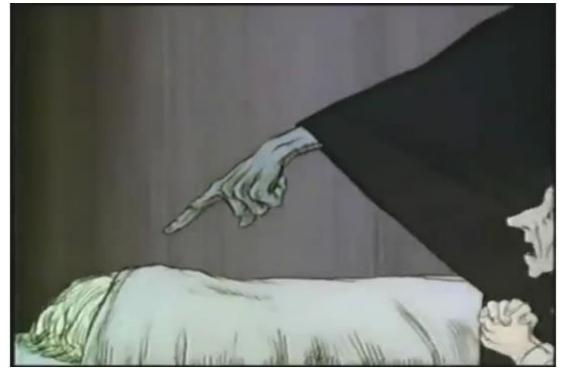
Scrooge asked "Will Tiny Tim live a long life"? The Ghost of Christmas present replied "Probably not". This touched Scrooges heart and saddened him.



Suddenly, the ghost of Christmas future appeared. He was dark and forboding. Scrooge was very fearful of the future.



The Ghost showed Scrooge men laughing about a foolish miserly man who recently died. The man was despised by all because of his greed.



Next, the ghost showed Scrooge the corpse of that man who died on Christmas.



Finally the ghost showed Scrooge the tombstone of that man. It was his tombstone.



Scrooge was horrified. He vowed to change his life immediately.



The next day Scrooge awoke to a sun-filled room. He was absolutely giddy. He had not missed Christmas. And he could still change his life for the better.



He dressed and went to the butcher. He ordered a huge Christmas dinner to be secretly delivered to Bob Cratchett's home.



He then went to his nephew's house for a wonderful Christmas day.



From that day on Scrooge lived a happy life and always celebrated Christmas by generously giving to those in need.